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Agreement concerning the Exchange of Postal Parcels. Signed at Berne, May 6, and at Jerusalem, May 15, 1929.

No. 2186. — AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF POSTAL PARCELS BETWEEN PALESTINE AND SWITZERLAND. SIGNED AT BERNE, MAY 6, AND AT JERUSALEM, MAY 15, 1929.

English and French official texts communicated by His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs in Great Britain. The registration of this Agreement took place November 6, 1929.

The undersigned Postal Administrations mutually agree to introduce the service of the direct exchange of ordinary and insured postal parcels in closed mails on the basis of the provisions of the parcels post Agreement of Stockholm and the relative Regulations, with the following exceptions:

I. The parcels originating in Palestine and addressed to Switzerland must not exceed 105 centimetres in length nor 180 centimetres in length and girth combined.

The maximum limit of the parcels originating in Switzerland and addressed to Palestine shall be 125 centimetres in any direction, and their volume must not exceed 55 cubic decimetres.

- 2. The weight of any parcel shall not exceed 10 kg.
- 3. Services not admitted:

Cumbersome, Urgent, Payment by the sender of Customs and other charges, and withdrawal or alteration of address.

- 4. An advice of delivery cannot be obtained for an uninsured parcel.
- 5. In Palestine the sender may omit any special request for the disposal of the parcel in the event of non-delivery or he may request at the time of posting that if the parcel cannot be delivered as addressed it may be either (a) treated as abandoned, or b) tendered for delivery at a second address in the country of destination.

If the sender avails himself of either of the alternatives (a) and b), his request must appear

on the Despatch Note and on the parcel.

In the absence of a request by the sender to the contrary, a parcel which cannot be delivered shall be returned to the sender without previous notification and at his expense after retention for the period prescribed by the regulations of the country of destination.

- 6. In the case of parcels posted in Switzerland the procedure as regards non-delivery laid down in Article 19 and Detailed Regulations 34—36 of the Stockholm Parcel Post Agreement will apply.
- 7. Parcels may not contain any article, the importation of which is prohibited in Palestine or Switzerland in accordance with the list of prohibited articles published by the International Bureau.
- 8. Parcels must be packed in strong wood, tin, canvas, linen or similar material and not merely in paper or cardboard.

Parcels containing precious stones, jewellery or any article of gold or silver exceeding 2500 francs in value must be packed in a box measuring not less than 1.05 metre in length and girth combined.

9. Exceptions to Principle of Responsibility.

The two Administrations shall be relieved of all responsibility in respect of any parcel containing precious stones, jewellery or any article of gold or silver exceeding 2500 francs in value not packed in a box measuring not less than 1.05 metre in length and girth combined.

10.	The following credits shall be allowed to Palestine for each parcel:	
	 (a) For parcels addressed to Palestine not exceeding 5 kg From 5 to 10 kg (b) For parcels in transit through Palestine not exceeding 5 kg From 5 to 10 kg 	Fr. 2.50 Fr. 0.50
II.	The following credits shall be allowed to Switzerland for each parcel:	11. 0.90
	(a) For parcels addressed to Switzerland not exceeding I kg	Fr. 0.90
	(b) For parcels in transit through Switzerland not exceeding 1 kg	Fr. 0.30
	Exceeding I kg. but not exceeding 5 kg	Fr. 0.50

12. The preparation and transmission of a general account and the payment of the balance of that account shall be effected as early as possible and at latest within a period of three months from the end of the period to which the account relates.

If this period is exceeded, the sums due shall be chargeable with interest, at the rate of 7 per

cent, per annum, from the date of expiration of the said period.

13. Exceptions relating to the exchange of postal parcels subject to the collection of Trade Charges may be agreed upon by way of correspondence between the two contracting Administrations. This agreement comes into operation on the 1st of January 1928 and may be cancelled at any

time by either of the contracting parties on 12 month's notice.

Done and signed in duplicate.

JERUSALEM, 15 May, 1929.

BERNE, le 6 mai 1929.

Postmaster General: W. Hudson.

Le Directeur général des postes et des télégraphes : R. Furrer.